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Overview

A 1985 graduate of Rutgers-Camden School of Law, I head the firm's civil litigation department, working from the historic Stokes house in Willingboro. I also created and serve as the coordinator of Helmer, Conley & Kasselmann's estate planning group.

After completing a one-year judicial clerkship in Connecticut, I returned to New Jersey and have spent my entire career in private practice. I have tried dozens of cases, both civil and criminal, in the courts of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. My trial practice focuses on civil litigation, including commercial and business matters, personal injury and construction cases. (Prior to law school, I spent some time in the construction industry; that experience has proven invaluable in managing the nuances of construction related conflicts and litigation.)

In addition, I have provided many non-litigation legal services for my clients. Not surprisingly, these services have included drafting hundreds of wills, assisting clients in setting up estates, representing parties in selling and purchasing real estate and counseling hundreds of business owners on a variety of matters including business formation, regulatory compliance and insurance claims and litigation.

I recognized the advantages of a team based estate planning function from my own personal experiences as a business owner. The experience of founding my own firm gave me significant personal insight into the challenges of entrepreneurship, strategic and succession planning and the importance of the firm's structure and security to the wellbeing of my family. As a general practitioner with a substantial litigation caseload, I saw many examples of successful individuals and businesses undone by the failure to plan for the future and address contingencies. These repeated observations prompted my interest in the area of estate planning, and the importance of working with a team to put in place strategies for families and businesses to prepare for things like paying for college, retirement, and death. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to create and lead this team for the benefit of others. One of the things I like best about HCK is the team approach and emphasis on targeted collaboration with other firm attorneys so that clients get the strongest possible advice.

An avid runner, baseball fan and music lover, I live in Moorestown, New Jersey with my wife Tracy, our two children and our cats

Shimmy and Shelly. For those of you who frequent the firm's webpages, you will see my daughter's beautiful art works featured. There are also some great pictures of our cats.

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